

The weather has been appalling for farmers, gardeners and all but there is a lot of good news here...

1. MuW Parish Council has adopted a **Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan.**

Follow this link to see the whole plan...

[Adopted-biodiversity-policy-for-MUW-170424.pdf \(miltonunderwychwood-pc.gov.uk\)](#)

It gives us a structured approach to engaging with the wider community and taking action across many fronts.

PC chair, Graham Smith, writes;

"The task of conserving and enhancing biodiversity is challenging. And on the face of it, a policy can be just another bit of bureaucracy - but our plan has five pages of specific actions! By the time you read this, some may well have been completed, some will be in hand, and some not yet begun.

Much of the work of the PC is hidden to many parishioners but, although the council has produced this plan, anyone can get involved in the actions whether this is helping to protect our rapidly dwindling population of hedgehogs, keeping some areas of the parish as havens for wildlife, putting up boxes for swifts or owls to nest in, or supporting our farmers in their efforts to farm more sustainably and produce better food...

Of course, wildlife and plants do not respect parish boundaries so the PC is working hand in hand with adjacent parishes and with other organisations such as Wild Oxfordshire and the Wychwood Forest Trust which are at the forefront of promoting biodiversity in the Cotswolds.

*There is an enormous amount we as a community can do to enhance biodiversity in our parish and the **Parish Council warmly welcomes volunteers** to get involved in all kinds of practical activities. It doesn't matter if you can only spare the odd hour here and there; all contributions are welcome."*

2. Graham Smith continues...

*“The **Annual Parish Meeting** is a time when anyone can come along to share views about matters of local concern. This year the meeting will be on...*

***Wednesday, 12th June** at 7.00 pm **in the Village Hall**, but come at **6.30 pm** and share some refreshments as well as your views.*

*The main theme will be **Biodiversity**.*

All are welcome including children accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to attend please email clerk@miltonunderwychwood-pc.gov.uk so that we have an idea of numbers for catering.”